

# Hobart History Advocate

Hobart Historical Society

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## TURN OF THE CENTURY BASEBALL

by Clare Fleck

At the turn of the nineteenth century Hobart had an outstanding baseball team known as the *Hobart Maroons*. The team was organized in the year 1897 with John Fiester as Manager; John Stoker, Treasurer; and J.B. Conroy, Secretary.

Those who played on the team were: Pitcher, Oscar (Windy) Myers; Catcher, (Peck) Thompson; John Stoker, Eddie (Cob) Newman, Bert Myers, Robert Scholler, Joe (Dodo) Nash, Bill Portmess, Lew Barnes,

Frank Mathews, Sam Cook, Mr. Slocum, Fred Maybaum and Albert Borman (a relative of Astronaut Borman). Their first game was scheduled for April 23, 1897 with a team from Aetna.

The majority of their games were played at the Hobart Ball Park located one mile west of Main Street with entrance at what is now Third and Ash streets. A race track, one mile in circumference, was also located in this park. The baseball diamond and a grandstand, with a seating capacity of 1,000, were located inside of the race track at its north-east end. A large horse barn, located at what is now Third and Pennsylvania streets, was the only building west of Lake George at that time. This barn was owned by Benjamin Stratton Sr. and he kept prize race horses and trained and exercised them on the track. Hobart High School also used the track for all of their athletic activities.

The Maroons played ball in Hobart every Sunday afternoon during the summer with such teams as the Chicago Cubs and Chicago White Sox, plus many other Chicago teams. The admission to the game was ten cents and the majority of Hobart residents went to the games.

### Pennsy Depot Bus

The out-of-town ball players would come to Hobart on the 9:00 a.m. Pennsylvania (mail) train and depart on the 7:30 evening train. They made their headquarters at the Hobart House hotel while in Hobart. A horse-drawn bus was operated by the hotel between their location on Main Street and the Pennsylvania depot for a fee of ten cents per passenger. They also operated a bus to all ball games for a ten cent fee.

Many Hobart residents would walk to the Pennsylvania depot on Sunday evenings to see the ball players leave. Young boys would gather pond lilies which grew in abundance on Lake George, and sell bouquets to the ball players and other passengers on the train for a few cents.

### Disaster Strikes

It was on a summer Sunday afternoon in the year 1905 when the grandstand was filled with patrons watching a ball game when suddenly the western sky darkened, indicating an approaching thunder storm. As it was near the end of the game, many made a dash for the bus and they crowded in until there was no more standing room. As the bus approached the Lake George cross-over on Third Street, the horses became frightened and ran away, tipping the bus and its occupants into the Lake. The driver of the bus immediately jumped off and cut the horses loose and they were on their way!

The majority of the passengers were in the water underneath the over-turned bus and would have drowned had it not been for a group of Joliet fishermen who came to the rescue.

These Joliet men had come to Hobart for a weekend of fishing as Lake George, at that time, was noted for its abundance of fish. They were living in a tent which they pitched on the bank of the Lake at a spot where the Boyd Construction Company is now located. Due to the threatening storm they decided to quit fishing and had just reached their tent when the bus accident occurred. All had on high rubber boots so they walked out into the lake, lifted up the over-turned bus and rescued all of the passengers. Many had broken bones and body lacerations which required medical attention. Otto Coppins, the local bakery shop owner, was the most seriously injured. He was taken to St. Margaret's Hospital in Hammond where he recuperated from internal injuries.

### St. Margaret's Hospital

At that time St. Margaret's was the only hospital in northwestern Indiana. It was built around the turn of the century. The building was of brick construction. All the brick in that building was donated by Mr. Otto Kulage Sr., owner and operator of the Kulage Brick Works of Hobart. In gratitude for his generous donation, the hospital was named in honor of Mr. Kulage's mother, Margaret Kulage.

## APPLE BUTTER DAY

In Hobart we are unique, as we have succeeded for four years to put together an event for the community to view and participate in. We have drawn together the Apple Butter Gang, a group of about 200 people, from many walks of life and many interests, to achieve one objective -- to recreate the past, as near as possible, and make it strictly a fun day.

In displays of the crafts of everyday living of "yesterday" it becomes necessary that we dispose of the products of the crafts, therefore we succeed in obtaining a small profit of contributions for the Museum.

This year you'll find the streets around the Museum filled with demonstrations of open fire cooking, old crafts, steam and gas engines, cider pressing, corn shelling, grinding grains and other equipment of days gone by.

You'll enjoy it if YOU get in the spirit of the day! Apple Butter Day is not a show or a commercial event to be rushed through in a modern-day hurry! The cooking is not a production line to feed many as fast as possible. It takes 8 hours to turn out a batch of apple butter and 3 hours to boil up a good pot of bean soup.

It is not hard to visualize that there were many long hours of pure drudgery in existing even as recent as in the 1920's. When getting together as we do and working from six to eighteen hours each on the necessities of everyday living of the past we soon realize that it wasn't easy and surely learn to respect our heritage.

You'll have more fun AND add to the atmosphere if you relax and take it slow, just like folks did in the good old days. Stroll around, stop and visit with your friends and with the people involved. Join in the activities, sample what's cooking as it comes off the fire and pitch in, if you care to, to get a feel of the various crafts.

We have, in realizing our objectives, brought closer together the community and friends of the community. Let us make Apple Butter Day 1980 a record FUN day and again create new friends for your Hobart Historical Museum.

Woody Woodruff  
Chairman, Apple Butter Day

## HOBART A SIN CITY?

The following comment on Hobart's Sunday fun is taken from the Rev. Timothy H. Ball's *Northwestern Indiana From 1800 to 1900* [Crown Point, 1900].

"While Hobart is a pleasant and a prosperous town and some of its inhabitants are good, Christian people, it is not noted for any careful observance of the Christian Sabbath. Its record rather is for a non-observance of that day religiously. A fair illustration is the following, taken from a published notice of a game of baseball to be played at Hobart by the Naval Reserves of Chicago at 2:30 p.m., admission rates, 15 cents for men, but the advertisements say: 'This will be ladies' day and they will be admitted to the grounds free.' The game to be on 'Sunday', the word well displayed, 'May 20, 1900.'

"It is to be hoped that the ladies, the real ladies of Hobart, did not feel highly complimented by this advertisement. Public notice has this year been given that the owners of Monon Park, which for many summers has been a place for constant Sabbath desecration, have discontinued Sunday excursions. And even in Paris, it has been published, the strictly American part of the Exposition of 1900 is not to be opened on Sunday. By the observance of this day, or by its open desecration, it is readily shown what nations, towns, and families are.

"We make our own history. Hobart is not the only one of our towns whose historic record, on the observance of Sunday, in regard to both business and amusement, is not highly creditable; but some of these towns are particular to hold their ball games, to which they also invite the young ladies, on Saturdays and not on Sundays. That Epworth League and Christian Endeavor girls would go out on Sundays to ball games is not to be supposed."

## HOBART'S MUSEUM

"I had no idea you had all this!" "I thought maybe you had a corner of the basement!" "I'm coming back to stay longer -- and bring my family!" These are common reactions from enthusiastic visitors to the Hobart Historical Society Museum.

What generates this enthusiasm? You must see for yourself, but let us give you an introduction.

A great deal of history lies not in major event and crises, but in the lives of ordinary people, in the ways they lived and worked, in their tools, and in their personal possessions. Our goal is to preserve this kind of history and, through the Museum, to preserve it for you to enjoy today and in the future.

The Museum contains two floors of exhibits -- tools, farm implements, home furnishings and personal possessions, business records, all combined to show 140 years of daily life in this area. Many of our artifacts have been in local families for generations and hold special memories for old-timers because of this association. But they have meaning for newcomers too, for they reflect the common heritage that binds our community with other small towns of the past hundred years.

This past year has seen several major additions and improvements which illustrate the variety of our resources.

1. We have acquired from the City a wall-size aerial photograph of Hobart, taken in 1967. You will be able to spot your home. Ask the Museum host to point out the faint traces of former race tracks and ancient Indian trails.

2. We have added a letter press shop to our full-size replicas of blacksmith and woodworking shops. The printing equipment and type were used at the old *Gazette* and have been restored for use. Curator L.L. (Woody) Woodruff is usually operating the shop the second Saturday of each month and kibitzers are always welcome.

3. The Chapman Dolls, one of the finest collections of antique dolls on public display anywhere, has been relocated downstairs and the cases are now lighted for optimum viewing. Mrs. Lillian Chapman is usually at the Museum the last Saturday of each month to talk to visitors about the dolls.

4. The Library has been consolidated upstairs in the northwest corner. Our fine collection of Hobart and area history is heavily used for genealogical and local history research. Browsers are welcome and Society members have borrowing privileges.

The Museum is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dorothy Ballantyne, Museum Director, is on hand to help with research or to give you a personal tour. Come in and get better acquainted with your past.

## LOCAL DRIFTS

Real the *Advocate* ads.  
25 years ago in the *Hobart Gazette*

September 1955, opening of the Hobart schools saw 3,260 students enrolled with 128 teachers and special personnel. Arley Kerr was superintendent.

The Gary National Bank opened their new Hobart building on the site of the old grist mill.

Discussion pro and con on the fluoridation of Hobart's water was published in the papers for many months.

Winners in the Lake-Wood Isaak Walton sunflower contest were Evan Johnson, Susan Davis, Linda Dinsmore and Alma Voigt.

Robert Moon enrolled in the School of Denistry in Indianapolis.

Hobart's tax rate was to be \$7.96 for 1956.

Local markets were advertising sharp cheddar cheese for 49 cents a pound, 10 pounds of potatoes for 45 cents, two heads of lettuce for 25 cents and chicken for 45 cents a pound.

Mrs. Harley Martin, Mrs. John Reed, Mrs. Lee Rose, Mrs. Don Sporre, Mrs. Richard Wesley, Miss Helen Hinshaw and Miss Peggy Neff were to be models for the Tri Kappa Style Show.

## LEON says . . . . .

For 40 years your health has been our responsibility. If you want small town friendliness with big town know how, come to the

## Hobart Walgreen Agency

310 MAIN STREET - HOBART  
PHONE 942-3611

Let Us Fill Your Next Prescription

## BULL RUN COAL

NUT OR LUMP

A Quality Coal Backed by The

## Hobart Lumber Company

Phones: 45 & 46

[1922]

TODAY -- No coal -- but the same friendly service. Only the prices have changed! 630 MAIN STREET, HOBART  
PHONE 942-1178

52 YEARS SERVING HOBART

## Kellen's Florists

342 Main Street, Hobart  
PHONE 942-1197

Nic Holzmer, Jr. and Jim Kellen are descendants of families which came to this area in the early 1900's.

## WM. J. KRULL, C.E. Civil Engineer and Surveyor

Deputy County Engineer  
Engineer for the corporation of  
New Chicago and East Gary  
Office in American Trust  
& Savings Bank Building

Phone: 317-R

[1922]

Established in 1914  
Today in the Same Building

## Krull & Son

Civil Engineers  
Surveyors

419 East 3rd St., Hobart, IN 46342  
Phone 942-4866



We respectfully call your attention to our advertisers. In their establishments you will find the finest of modern goods and services at old-fashioned prices, all offered with the home-town friendliness and courtesy which never go out of style in Hobart.

## DUFFY DE FRANCE' LIVERY AND FEED STABLES.

HOBART - IND.

Barns in rear of Hobart House.

First-class Conveyances and  
Prompt Service Furnished.

Telephone No. 8.

BUS MEETS ALL TRAINS.

This ad appeared in 1907 in the *Hobart Gazette* and is reprinted here with the compliments of a friend of Hobart History.

CHAS. BOFGER,  
HARNESS MAKER,  
AND DEALER IN

## Horse Furnishing Goods.

REPAIRING PROMPTLY AND  
NEATLY DONE.

UNION BLOCK, THIRD STREET.  
HOBART, IND.

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## STRAND T-H-E-A-T-R-E

Show Starts at 7 P. M.

Sunday Shows start 5, 7 & 9 P. M.

Wednesday and Thursday

DON AMERCH, SIMONE SIMON,  
ROBERT YOUNG

—IN—  
"JOSETTE"

ALSO CHAPTER TWO OF SERIAL  
"DICK TRACY RETURNS"

This ad appeared in 1937 in the *Index-Commonwealth* and appears here with the compliments of a friend of Hobart History.

ED. SIMON,

Manufacturer of

## FINE CIGARS

—and maker of—

Ed's New Gun Club

5c Cigar.

Telephone No. 24.

HOBART, - - - INDIANA.

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## THE ART OF NEWS WRITING

by Joanna R. Stafford

When the lady in the apartment over a Third Street store dumped the chamber pot on the head of a lady walking by below, "it was presumed", according to the account in *The Hobart Gazette*, to be because the lady walking below was fooling around with the husband of the lady with the well-aimed chamber pot.

That's the kind of news you used to be able to get for your 2 cents 80 years ago. Before the rise of libel suits and the Columbia School of Journalism, newspapers really did report what was happening on Main Street, USA. Full names were submitted and if Joe Blow was drunk last night, the paper said so, and it passed full judgment on whether or not he had a right to do so.

For good or for evil, old time newspapers used to really "tell it like it is" and it is sort of sad that such true mirroring of the community can't be done any more.

Of course, old time papers also lied some. The old *Gazette* was a town booster of the first order -- all citizens in business were sterling characters and all businesses were flourishing. Some of my favorite writing appears in *The Hobart Gazette* Souvenir Edition, published in May 1898:

"The desire to make Hobart attractive has not ended with the erection of costly business edifices, elegant residences, capacious schools and houses of worship although the picturesqueness of the country by which our happy town is environed lends itself admirably to architectural adornment. The business and residence portions of Hobart skirt the shores of Lake George, a beautiful sheet of water covering a thousand acres, created by impounding the crystal waters of Deep River, which released from its thralldom of wheel-turning, swings along its crescent pathway toward the Calumet, Lake Michigan and the sea."

Among the most to be regretted losses of "the old days" is the art of newspaper writing. Along with the rise of teachers colleges which negated the influence of the old time individual tyrannical teacher who turned out both idiots and very well educated individuals, the schools of journalism began, in the thirties, to turn out much better educated and trained journalists, but in the process wiped out the journalists who learned their trade by following the desires and eccentricities of the owner-writers.

I understand that the Hobart Historical Society Museum is garnering quite a crowd of old time newspaper buffs, now that the microfilm machine and copies of old papers are in easy reach. If you haven't taken a look, I urge you to do so one day. It will give you a forder look at the old town.

"A certain writer has said that no newspaper which took truth for its standard would make a pecuniary success. The press might return the compliment by remarking that no minister who told the truth about his congregation, alive or dead, would occupy the pulpit much longer than one Sunday afterward. The press and clergy go hand in hand with the whitewash brush, rosy spectacles magnifying little virtues and kindly throwing little deformities into oblivion. The pulpit, the pen and the gravestone are partners in saint-making."

*Hobart Gazette, May 17, 1912*

## MORE LOCAL DRIFTS

A 1922 notice of a cafeteria dinner at the Methodist Church advertised the following menu: creamed chicken, roast beef, croust and spareribs, scalloped salmon, salmon loaf, mashed potatoes, rutabagas, peas, baked beans, lima beans, macaroni and cheese, several kinds of salad, pie, cake, pudding, ice cream and other desserts, coffee, rolls.

From the *Gazette* in 1898. WANTED: A stripper. See E.J. Looker. (Did he run a tavern? No, a cigar factory.) In another ad we find an enterprising businessman announcing he has warehouse space to store your hard coal heater and that he would take it down in the early summer, store it, polish it, and put it back in your parlor in the fall.

One of Hobart's newest businesses bears one of Hobart's oldest names. The Mundell Plant Shop on Main Street carries varieties of greenery and will order for special needs.

They may be gone but they have not been forgotten! Word has been passed along to the *Advocate* that some Hobartites in exile have banded together as "The Hobart Historical Society in California." We send greetings and an invitation to visit the old town soon!

## LOCAL DRIFTS

25 years ago in the *Hobart Gazette*.

The Phi Beta Psi annual doll project was being organized by Mrs. Warren McAfee, Mrs. Tom Waffler and Mrs. Trevor Fredrick.

Miss Aileen Fleck, president of Sigma Upsilon Alpha Pi, appointed Mrs. Roy Wignall as chairman for their style show and card party to be held in November.

50 Years Ago in The  
*Hobart Gazette*

Hobart's school enrollment in 1930 was 1,285 with 41 teachers. Guy Dickey was the superintendent.

Hobart's tax levy (including the civil city, school city, township, county and state) was to be \$4.58 in 1931.

Markets advertised a can of Libby Sockeye Salmon at 35 cents, 5 pounds of Pillsbury Flour at 25 cents, sugar was 6 cents a pound or \$1.39 for 25 pounds and lamb chops could be bought for 33 cents a pound.

Roper Brothers Garage put on a contest to see who could get the most mileage in a Chevrolet 6 on a quart of gasoline. Mrs. Caroline Haxton was the winner with 6.2 miles. Tied for second were George Kramer, Austin Shirey, Hazel Robinson and Lewis Springman. Tied for third were Roy Newman, John Witt, Charles Denton, Betty Tarnow, Warren Bracken, Glenn Moss, Herbert Carlson, Lambert Schoon and Leslie Carpenter.

Miss Martha Amlong sang at a Home Magazine Club meeting held at Amlong's "The Pines" Restaurant on South Lake Park Avenue. Mrs. A.J. Smith told the story of one of Miss Amlong's selections, "Down By The Old Mill Stream", written in 1910 by Tell Taylor. According to Mrs. Smith, Taylor lived in Hobart in the 1880s and his song was inspired by Deep River's mill stream.

Ramah Byall was hospitalized for a number of weeks with mastoid trouble and Velma Hooseline had been in an Illinois hospital for several weeks with a back injury sustained in a fall at Starved Rock. (1980 note: Both are doing fine today!)

### Read the Advocate ads.

Goodbye, Roosevelt Gym. Once the pride of the community, Roosevelt Gym, completed in 1924, was declared obsolete and was gutted for remodeling in May 1980. The *Advocate* had the opportunity to peek into the gym once more while demolition was underway. Ah, the memories! Basketball games, dances, band concerts, school programs, town meetings, pep rallies. Now only the memories -- and the distinctive gym aroma -- linger on.

Leon Gardner's Walgreen Agency celebrates its 40th anniversary in November 1980. The soda fountain was a popular spot for young folks of the 40s and 50s and Leon's prescription counter is still a good place to visit while you wait for your prescription to be meticulously compounded. Leon also has a listening ear for the young as well as the old.

Now, if all those soda straws and prescriptions were laid end to end ...

Few events have saddened the hearts of Hobartites as much as the fire that left the Hobart Scout Cabin a blackened shell early in the morning of October 10, 1979. The Scout Cabin was dedicated in February 1934 and provided a focal point for Scouting for 45 years. The land on which the cabin stood was donated to the Scouts by the Barnes estate. Hobart Scouts raised the funds -- and it wasn't easy in the early 1930s. William Krull Sr., City Engineer, drew up the plans. The logs were poles donated by Northwestern Indiana Telegraph Company. Cement came from the Buffington Cement Company and the tile used for the basement walls was fired at the local brickyards.

The mystery of how the fire started still remains unsolved.

The Calumet Region Montessori School on 57th Avenue celebrated a first in 1980. The first class to complete the 6th grade elementary program held graduation exercises on June 8th. Among the five students in the class, some of whom began school at CRMS at the ripe old age of 2, were Erica Christianson and Tim Conjelko of Hobart.

Read the Advocate ads.

Who likes a blizzard? Carl Krausse did! "Those were the days," he once recalled. "Those were the days I always prayed for -- it meant 4 buckle rubbers and long underwear sales at Stommel & Co.!!"

## MAYORS HUNG

One of the biggest frame-ups in local history was uncovered this summer in a mass hanging of Hobart mayors at City Hall.

Let our readers accuse the *Advocate* of yellow journalism, we hasten to assure them that the whole story is quite innocent -- and so are the mayors.

The Hobart Historical Society, at the request of Mayor Cal Green, has compiled a list of Hobart's mayors and their terms of office. Pictures of each mayor were located, reproduced and framed. The result -- a very distinguished portrait gallery of Hobart's Mayors now hangs in City Hall. Our readers are invited to see ALL our Mayors next time they are in City Hall.

### Mayoral History

Hobart became a city in 1921 with the first election being held November 6, 1921. Sherman H. Henderson was elected as Hobart's first mayor, serving 1921-25. He was followed by Harry A. Livingston, 1926-29; Owen Roper, 1930-34; and Frank H. Davis, 1935-38. Fred Rose, Jr. was first elected in 1939 and served through 1947. Ross F. Trester served as mayor from 1948 to 1951 and Fred Rose, Jr. returned to office in 1952. Mayor Rose passed away in October 1959, just a few weeks before the city election in which he was a candidate for re-election. His wife, Gladys Rose, was named Mayor by the City Council to fill out his unexpired term. Herman Pflughoeft relaced Rose as a candidate and was elected, serving from 1960 through 1964. Libburn E. Titus, better known to his constituents as "Red", served from 1964 through 1975.

Present incumbent Cal Green was first elected in 1976.

### Clerk-Treasurers

In contrast to our ten mayors, Hobart has had only six clerk-treasurers in the 59 years of City government.

Edith Schroeder was elected first clerk-treasurer of the City of Hobart in November 1921. However, she resigned at the first meeting of the Common Council because of a dispute over the salary set for her office. D.D. Melin, who had been the town clerk, continued in office until February 1922 when the Mayor and Council appointed W.H. McClarren as clerk-treasurer. McClarren served through 1929. Laura R. Bracken ably filled the duties of the office of Clerk-Treasurer from 1930 through 1963. Succeeding her have been Oolah B. Evans, 1964-75, and Margaret J. Kuchta, incumbent Clerk-Treasurer, who assumed office in 1976.

### Unlucky First

Neither the town of Hobart's first clerk-treasurer nor the city of Hobart's first clerk-treasurer ever served a day in office!

Louis Passow was elected town clerk in 1889 when Hobart incorporated as a town, but died before taking office. C.O. Johnston was appointed to fill the vacancy and served for many years.

In 1921, when Hobart opted for the City form of government, Edith Schroeder, clerk-treasurer elect, resigned before taking office.

## ROTARY IS 30

The Hobart Rotary Club celebrated the 30th anniversary of its founding and the 75th anniversary of Rotary International during 1980.

Ray Kostbade and L.L. (Woody) Woodruff served as the Hobart club's presidents during its first year. Gene Wise, a charter member, is still active and holds a perfect attendance record at Rotary meetings, going to great lengths to locate local Rotary groups when he was in far corners of the world.

Over the years, many local activities have enjoyed the support of the Hobart Rotary Club. Local Rotary service activities have benefitted the Hobart Library, the Hobart Historical Society, the Hobart YMCA, the Hobart High School music department, athletic activities and scholarship programs, to name a few.

The list of places where the Hobart Rotary Club has met for luncheon meetings over the past 30 years in itself gives quite a bit of history. First meeting place was the Home Haven Restaurant at U.S. 6 and County Line Road. Later, meetings were held at the Ho-Hive and the group persuaded Fred Baumer of Baumer's Bakery to cook the meals.

The Hobart Library, the Jackson's Restaurant, the Christian Church, Hobart, and the Elks Club have all sheltered the Rotarians



## THE OPEN DOOR

Forty some years ago there was a popular contributors' column running in the *Gazette*. Its name was "The Keyhole" but it was more an Open Door where poets could sing their songs, comics could match their wits twitting one another and irregularities in the town could be told under the anonymity of "Man About Town," a weekly contributor.

The *Advocate* here presents "Open Door" contributions from the past and the present.

### MILADY'S SHOES

Red shoes, red shoes, buy for half a crown  
If I had red shoes I'd dance across the town.  
Once a maid had red shoes  
And a satin gown  
So lightly and merrily  
She danced across the town.  
So silvery her laughter  
So lilting her heart --  
What harm could befall her  
In life's merry mart?  
Alas, she came creeping  
Home in the morn.  
Her gown hung in tatters  
Her shoes stained and torn.  
Her laughter was stilled  
What price had she paid?  
Her heart -- it was broken  
Poor little maid.  
Ah, better to walk shod in soberest hue  
Than to dance in red slippers, ever after  
to rue.

--- JUDY

It is my observation that a man will tell a lie to get sympathy and a woman will tell a lie to give sympathy.

--- MAN ABOUT TOWN

### SPRING'S PREDICTED

"Spring is just around the corner"  
Are the words on every mouth.  
"The robins and the bluebirds  
Have come back from the south  
The pussywillow's budding  
Down by the river bend."  
And, "Put away your overcoat;  
Old winter's at an end."

So I Stopped and Looked and Listened  
And decided it was true  
That Old Man Winter had resigned  
And Lady Spring was due.  
I laid away my overcoat  
And took my woollens off  
And -- awoke this morn  
To a foot of snow  
And a funeralistic cough!

--- LA PEDDLAR

### A LIMB RICK OF THE WOODS

Young slippery elm was poplar with a  
certain clinging vine.  
He liked to cedar love-light in her buckeyes  
when she'd pine.  
Said he, "If I could have a date I know I'd  
fall fir yew,  
I'll spruce all up and meet you on the beech  
at half-past-two.

He elder palm and said to her, "Oh willow  
marry me?"  
I'll balsam, yes, and cry for joy if you'll  
be my Christmas tree."  
Her coconut fell on his shoulder and she  
vowed she'd be his wifey;  
Poor slippery learned too late his clinging  
vine was poison ivy!

---RALPH PRICE

## LOCAL HISTORY BESTSELLERS

Local history "best-sellers" at the Museum would make good reading for you and fine gifts for others. We have available the following: *Indiana Railroad System*, a history of electric interurban transportation in Indiana; *Gary Railways*, a history of the electric railway line that once served Hobart; *George Earle and Family of Hobart, Indiana*; *Along The Route*, the story of Hobart's post office and postmasters; *Old Settlers' Cemetery*, the story of the little cemetery on South Lake Park (Rte. 51); *The Calumet Chronicle*, a reprint of a special newspaper put out for Hobart's Centennial in 1947; and a little brochure on the Bicentennial Flags Hobart folks made for the American Revolution Bicentennial; and we can't forget to mention the book by the "Big Apple" himself, Woody's *Cooking The Dutch Oven Way*.

A local nursery sign usually displays a message that will most always cheer your day with a chuckle, or at least a smile. A while back it read, "A lawn without a tree isn't fit for a dog." Well, Fourth Street isn't fit for dogs either now that the maples in front of the school are gone!

--- OLD TIMER

Saturday nite we wuz goin to change are  
cloks to new time an my wif sed you got to  
mov em bak a nour an I sed no you got to  
move em ahed a nour an my wif is always  
rite with excepshuns and I am obstinet as a  
mule an I movd the clok ahed a nour an wen I  
got up sunday morning it semd erly an I  
started to visit sum of my relashuns and I got  
3 brekfusts and 2 diners an I think I will muv  
the clok sum mor.

--- ENTRENOUS

### PERPLEXITY

Say, Peanut will you help me out?  
I'm in an awful state of doubt --  
When I am walking down the stret  
Each person that I chance to meet  
I wonder if perchance might be  
The Viking or Phil Osophy  
When in a shop I purchase tea  
Could it be Oswald waits on me?  
When I'm in church I worry too,  
The preacher might be En Trenous.  
But here's the thing that puzzles me --  
A friend most confidentially  
Admits the poems and the prose  
That Judy signs, why he write those!  
I know he would not tell a lie,  
So if he's Judy, then who am I?

--- JUDY

The only good loser is  
a guy who has never won.

--- WOODY

## THE WOMAN'S COLUMN

### For Cooking Husbands

A good many husbands are utterly spoiled by mismanagement; some women keep them constantly in hot water, others let them freeze by their carelessness, some keep them in a stew by irritating ways and words, other roast them, while other keep them in a pickle all their lives; it cannot be supposed that any husband will be tender and good managed in this way.

In selecting your husband you should not be guided by silvery appearance, as in buying a mackerel, nor by golden tint, as if you wanted salmon; be sure to select him yourself; do not choose too young, and take only such varieties as have been reared in a good moral atmosphere.

See that the linen in which you wrap him is nicely washed and mended, with the required number of buttons and strings tightly sewed on; tie him in the kettle with a strong silk cord called comfort, as the one called duty is apt to be weak. Make a clear steady fire out of love, neatness and cheerfulness; set him as near this as seems to agree with him; if he sputters and fizzes do not be anxious; some husbands do this until they are quite done; add a little sugar in the form that confectioner's call kisses, but no vinegar or pepper on any account. Stir him gently; you cannot fail to know when he is done; serve with peaches and cream; when thus prepared they will keep you for years.

[From the *Hobart Cook Book*, published by the *Hobart Woman's Reading Club* about 1892.]

## REMOVING PUSHED-IN CORKS

Corks sometimes slip down into the bottle, and getting them out is a hard job. Here is a simple method that will often get results:

Grease the inside of the neck of the bottle. Then put the bottle in very cold water or in the ice box for awhile (do not fill with water). When it is cool, take a wire and get the cork up as far in the neck as possible, shutting the neck of the bottle tightly with it. Now hold the bottle over a flame or immerse all of it except the neck under hot water. The cork will come out with a bang.

The explanation to this is quite simple. The cool air has contracted when placed in the ice box. The air is then shut in the bottle and the heating of the air causes the air to expand and force the cork out. Try it some time.

[From *Agricultural Almanac*, for the year 1926.]

Cheap white crepe paper napkins cut into squares a quarter the size of a napkin and hung on a hook near the stove will save your hands if used to grease pans.

## HOBART ABLAZE

On January 10, 1913, the *Gazette* reported "Hobart Ablaze" as Hobart's new "white way" was lit for the first time. The event was not a fire but the installation of Hobart's first boulevard lighting system -- 66 lamp posts along Third and Main Streets. Each post held three lights, one 60 candle power lamp in the center with two arms, each carrying a 40 candle power lamp. The boulevard lighting system had been planned by Hobart's newly organized Commercial Club. Individual merchants subscribed to the costs of the lighting system and after installation, the lights were turned over to the Town Board. There were unexpected problems, however. A few weeks after the boulevard lights were installed, the Town Board found it necessary to issue a notice that the hitching of teams on lamp posts was strictly prohibited and punishable.

When the results of the November 1911 election were announced, the *Gazette* remarked that all the winners were named "Bill or Rose", adding that there was one rose surrounded by five bills. The winners were William Scharbach, Jr., Third Ward; William H. Carey, Fourth Ward; William Lennertz, Fifth Ward; Fred Rose, Marshal; William Killigrew, Clerk; and W.C. Jahnke, Treasurer.

By the way, the political parties involved were not Democrat and Republican but Industrial, Independent, Citizens and Progressive.

## OLD SETTLERS' CEMETERY

Although the mists of time shroud the origins of the small cemetery on South Lake Park Avenue just north of 12th Street, it was already in use in 1841, according to available evidence.

The land in this area was acquired by the U.S. Government from the Potawatomi in 1832. When Barney Hoskins bought the land adjoining the cemetery from the Government in 1841, the Abstract of Title exempted 1/4 acre which was in use as a burying ground. No records or grave markers remain to show who was interred there.

Among the earliest known graves are those of members of the Colburn, Wheeler and Hoskins families, settlers in the 1840s, and the Watkins and How families, settlers in the 1850s.

One grave of particular interest is that of Henry Sylvester Smith, husband of Fannie Wheeler. Smith, in association with George Earle, operated the saw mill and sawed the lumber for the grist mill. He is also credited with building some of the early homes on Main Street. During the Mexican War, Smith served as a scout and guide for General Zachary Taylor and later served in that capacity for General Fremont in California. Henry and Fannie's son, George H., is believed to have been the first white child born in the town of Hobart.

About 1859 the Hobart Cemetery on Front Street was established and most local families began to use it. However, William Banks, who then owned the farm adjacent to the old cemetery, buried his wife and child there and granted burial privileges to Civil War veterans and their families. Three Civil War veterans -- Manly Colburn and Charles and William Carothers -- rest there.

In the 1930s the cemetery was used by the Township as a potters' field. The only identified burial from that period is that of a "town character" whose painful death resulted from drinking soldering acid which he mistook for radiator alcohol.

Time, weather and vandalism took their toll of the tiny cemetery. Many grave markers disintegrated or were destroyed, although neighboring farmers and civic groups made repairs from time to time.

In 1976 the Hobart American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and the Office of the Hobart Township Trustee renovated the cemetery and arranged for future upkeep, naming it the Old Settlers' Cemetery in recognition of its history.

A plaque at the roadside summarizes its history. A large boulder inside the fence carries the names of the known burials. Tucked away in a corner is a memorial to Philip T. Stafford who planned and supervised the renovation project. A history of the cemetery was published and is available at the Hobart Historical Society Museum.

Today the Old Settlers' Cemetery is a pleasant spot which invites passers-by to stop and spend a few quiet minutes with the past.

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## MUNDELLS EARLY SETTLERS

Among the first settlers in the area of Lake County which was to become Hobart were three related families: the Siglers, the Mundells and the Hursts, who left Virginia by covered wagon in 1834, lived in Elkhart, Indiana for three years, and settled in Lake County in 1837.

Samuel and Ann Sigler, parents of Melvina Mundell and Elmira Hurst, settled at Liverpool Road and the old Sac Trail (now Ridge Road). They were just a short distance from the town of Liverpool which George Earle was developing. (It was not until 10 years later that Earle decided to concentrate his efforts on developing a new town -- Hobart.)

William and Elmira Hurst settled a mile south of the Siglers and Joseph and Melvina Mundell settled on Ridge Road near Wisconsin Street.

Joseph Mundell built a log cabin for his family and while clearing land for a farm and developing a dairy, practiced his trade as a wheelwright. Early records from George Earle's Liverpool store show the stock included spinning wheels made by Joseph Mundell.

The Mundells had eight children: Elmore, Alonzo, William, Sarah, Samuel, Oscar, James and Catherine. Of these, only three, Elmore, James and Alonzo, are known to have descendants, according to the Mundell family history. Alonzo's family went back East after the Civil War. A fourth son, William, died at the Battle of Stones River, Tennessee during the Civil War.

### Second Generation

James Mundell was born here in 1844, one of the oldest native sons of Lake County. He carried on with the farm and dairy business and saw Hobart grow from a small start in the wilderness, where Indians often camped, into a thriving community.

### Third Generation

James' son, Joseph, continued to farm part of the family's original land, establishing an apiary and greenhouse. He also operated Mundell's Flower Shop from 1939 to 1968. The shop was located near the family's original home on Ridge Road. The Wiseway shopping center now stands on this site. In 1926 another portion of the Mundell land became a site for Mundell School.

Joseph taught school in Lake Station and was a principal. He also served for fourteen years on the Hobart School Board.

This Joseph married his second cousin, Ethel Gearhart (Elmore's granddaughter), so that his descendants trace a double line back to the Mundells.

### Mundell Descendants

It has been 143 years since the wagons bore the Mundells, Hursts and Siglers to their new homes in the wilderness. The land which Joseph Mundell and his sons so laboriously cleared and farmed is now covered with the businesses, churches and homes which make up a modern community.

The wilderness is gone. The farm which was originally a mile outside of town is gone.

Many visitors to the Hobart Historical Society ask "Are there any descendants of the first family still here?" Patricia Toering Shaw and Nancy Toering Norris, both Hobart residents, who are great great granddaughters of Joseph Mundell, have compiled this directory of Mundell descendants who are still living in Lake and Porter Counties. Names in bold are Hobart residents.

#### Descendants of Elmore Mundell

Mundell: Elmore III, Elmore IV, Elmore V, Sandra and William.

Monroe: Leah and Eric.

Demmon: **Floyd E. Jr.**, Floyd E. III, Randolph, Carrie, **Kristina, William, William Jr. and Patricia.**

Gearhart: **Paul, David, Mark, John, William, Howard, Jim, Jim, Joey, Richard, Tracy, Jason and Adam.**

Scott: Birdie Lou.

Romeo: Elizabeth.

Heid: Phyllis.

Culver: Josh.

White: Cheryl, Carissa and Heather.

Elmore also has many descendants in and around Knox, Indiana; and in Illinois, Minnesota, California, Florida and Texas.

#### Descendants of James Mundell

Mundell: **James M. Jr., Kelly, James Joseph, Joseph M. Jr., Michelle, Donald, Michael, Stephen, Robert, Scott, Steve, William, Matt, Mark and Jessica.**

Toering: **Edna, Donald, Tracy, James, Holly and Julie.**

Norris: **Nancy, Jeff, Zach, Andy, Greg and Susan.**

Shaw: Patricia, Terry, Wendy and Sandy. Caughron: Becky and Brad.

Boruff: **Sarah, Karen, Kristian, Kris, Christy, Valerie, Sonja, Kent and Heidi.**

Simpson: Susan, Kim, Jason and Jamie.

Richardson: Cassie, Tammy, Rene, Cliff and Amanda.

Massa: **Gale and Frank.**

Estanovich: Patti and Frank.

Stozek: Shirley and Debra.

Woods: Deidra, Lara and Amanda.

James has other descendants in Elkhart, Anderson and Indianapolis, Indiana; Michigan; Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Texas and Georgia.

## MUNDELL SCHOOL IS 50

On May 29, 1980, students, faculty and friends of Mundell School marked the school's 50th anniversary in a day-long celebration.

Land for the school was purchased from Joseph Mundell in 1926. The purchase led to quite a discussion because the site was so far from town.

Construction began in 1930. The new school was to be two-story brick with 12 classrooms. Plans allowed for future wings on either side to make it suitable for a high school, if desired. Max R. Wainwright was the architect; Richard J. King, the contractor.

Mundell School was dedicated Sunday, January 19, 1931 and opened on January 22, a very rainy day, with children living west of Ellendale in attendance.

Principals who served at Mundell include (in order of service) Martha Small Orr, Glenn Moss, Raymond Gregory, Othniel D. Catt, Neil A. Van der Kolk and George Plesac.

## DORIS WHITE INSCHO

*(Being a tribute to the poet laureate of Hobart, the daughter of N.B. White, co-proprietor of the Hobart Gazette, and to the old style of obituary writing.)*

The death angel called for Doris White Inscho January 25, 1980 in Wilmington, Delaware, after she had been among us a full four score and six years.

Doris White was born June 7, 1894 in the family home at 8th and Linda Streets, the first of three children of Bel (Blackham) and N.B. White. White came to Hobart in 1891 to enter into partnership with A.J. Smith in the *Hobart Gazette* and in insurance and real estate endeavors.

Doris White grew up in Hobart and attended the Hobart Township schools where she was the Editor of the yearbook, *The Aurora*, the Valedictorian of the Class of 1912. Upon completion of the teachers' institute at Valparaiso, she embarked on a teaching career.

In 1917 she married Leland S. Inscho. To this union were born three daughters, Annabel, Eleanor and Marjorie, and a son, Leland Jr. A second son died in infancy. The Inschos spent several periods in Hobart, the longest being from 1925 to 1938.

Doris White began to write poetry at the age of 8 and continued to exercise her gift throughout her life. Locally, her writing appeared in the *Gary Post's* "Flue Dust" column and in the *Gazette's* "Keyhole". Her pseudonym in the latter, revealed here for the first time, was "La Peddler". She also wrote a poem, "Centennial Salute", to open the Lake County Centennial celebration in 1934. More recently, her poetry has been published in anthologies and periodicals in Delaware where she made her home in recent years. Two volumes of her work, *Anita Mia and Keepers*, have also appeared.

In July 1979 the Hobart City Council named Doris White Inscho "Poet Laureate of Hobart" in honor of her achievements.

In addition to her children, she leaves 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren to mourn her passing.

We can think of no more fitting tribute to Doris White Inscho than these words, taken from her valedictory address for the Hobart High School Class of 1912:

"The Seaward breeze is blowing fresh and strong.

It flutters out our banners and they seem like compasses themselves to point the way 'He conquers who endures.'

Our anchors lift. Our vessels stir, now move, now gliding swift, Go sailing, sailing through the harbor gate And sailing, sailing out upon the sea.

## LAKE GEORGE DAM

In 1845 George Earle built a dam on Deep River to furnish water power for the grist mill he was building. He named the mill pond Lake George and when he platted the town that was to extend south from the mill he named the town for his brother, Frederick Hobart Earle.

Earle's dam was constructed of earth with a spillway of wood piling backed by timbers. A mill race diverted water from the mill pond to power the mill. The race and dam were located on the south side of the dam near the present flood gate.

About 1882, William Ballantyne, at that time the owner of the mill, rebuilt the mill race. Still later, when the mill converted to steam power and water was no longer needed, the race was filled in.

In the early 1920s the City of Hobart purchased the dam and water rights from mill owners Owen Roper and Milton Brown. The mill was now using electricity and the City took over the dam in order to insure a proper water level in Lake George.

The timber spillway broke in 1925 and again in February and April 1927. Repairs were made by contractor Vincent (Doc) Boyd and the city decided to replace the old spillway with a more durable structure. Plans were prepared by City Engineer William J. Krull. Boyd directed construction on the new concrete dam which was completed September 6, 1927.

The flood gate was built in 1966 by the City Street Department under the direction of Paul Sohn. Hobart citizens raised the funds for the project with Hobart Township Justice of the Peace Cal Green serving as chairman of the fund-raising. The 113th Corps of Engineers furnished the equipment and U.S. Steel, the steel used.

## TRINITY LUTHERAN

Trinity Lutheran School commemorated its 100th anniversary during the 1979-80 school year.

According to early church records, the Rev. Phillip Fritze was the first teacher as well as the Church's first resident pastor. In 1897 the church and school had grown so that Gustav H. Duetemeyer was installed as the first full-time teacher.

In 1891 the school was located in the former township school building on East Street, just north of the Methodist Church. In 1900, with the completion of the new church at Main and Second streets, the old church building on Center Street was remodeled for the school. The school moved again in 1949 to its present location near 9th and Linda streets.

## OES MARKS 75TH

Hobart Chapter #314, Order of the Eastern Star, an affiliated order of the Masons, celebrated its 75th anniversary in May of 1980.

The Chapter was established in 1905 with charter members: Mrs. R.C. Mackey, first worthy matron, A.J. Smith, first worthy patron, and Dr. Clara Faulkner, Mrs. Gilbert Bullock, Miss Bliss Roper, Mrs. Julia Foster and William Foster.

The roll of current members with 50 years or more membership includes: Dorothy Ballantyne, Marie Banks, Wilma Barnhart, Frieda Carlson, Margaret Chisholm, Daisy Fleck, Julia Fleming, Frances Holeman, Myrtle Krull, Bess MacGillivray, May MacPherson, Helen Petriskey, Frances Mauldin, Dorothy Patch, Madeline Reed, Agnes Schwandt, Elsie Scott, Grace Shaw, Elsie Syverton, Cecil Tonagel, Ruby Tonagel, Ethel Wall, Hazel Waterston, Margaret Werster, Marjorie Wilson and Olive Wood.

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